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Maricopa County Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox's
9th Annual Inner City Baseball Jam

700 kids will March from Grant Park to Chase Field to see the D'Backs

When: Wednesday, May 24, 2006

Where: Grant Park, 3rd Avenue and Grant, beginning at 2:00 PM

For the ninth year in a row, Maricopa County Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox will lead a crowd of 700 excited 5th and 6th grade Diamondbacks fans into Chase Field this **Wednesday afternoon, May 24, 2006** to see the D'Backs take on the Pittsburgh Pirates. The children live in the shadow of Chase Field, yet cannot afford to attend games. Wilcox calls it the *Inner City D-Back Jam*.

The children have come to look forward to entering fifth grade when they are eligible to attend the *D-Backs Jam*. They must earn their tickets by donating five hours of community service. "These kids have given three thousand hours to our community," says Supervisor Wilcox. "In addition to earning tickets, they're learning about giving back."

The kids will all gather at Grant Park, 3rd Avenue and Grant Street, at 2:00 PM. There will be a "cheer the loudest" contest among the schools and the winning school will lead all 700 kids on the march to Chase Field where they will get to run the bases. Before the game begins at 3:40 PM, twelve students will receive special awards for outstanding community service at home plate.

NOTE... participating schools: Academia del Pueblo, Bethune, Dunbar, Herrera, Lowell and Capitol Elementary Schools

